

District of Columbia, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–436, Part 2);

H.R. 4477, to enforce current law regarding the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–437);

H.R. 3979, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer services, community partnership, and refuge education programs of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–438);

H.R. 1132, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a 2-year prohibition on employment in a career civil service position for any former political appointee, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–439); and

H. Res. 645, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 38) to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a means by which nonresidents of a State whose residents may carry concealed firearms may also do so in the State (H. Rept. 115–440).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hice (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yeas-and-nays vote of 224 yeas to 183 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 657.

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Change of Conferee: The Chair announced the removal of Representative Walden as a conferee on H.R. 1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, and appointed Representative Upton to fill the vacancy.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Secret Service Recruitment and Retention Act of 2017: H.R. 3731, amended, to provide overtime pay for employees of the United States Secret Service, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 407 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 655;

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Stopping Abusive Female Exploitation Act: H.R. 3317, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for female genital mutilation, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 409 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 656; and

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Taylor Force Act: H.R. 1164, amended, to condition assistance to the West Bank and Gaza on steps

by the Palestinian Authority to end violence and terrorism against Israeli citizens.

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Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Conyers, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Thirteenth Congressional District of Michigan, effective Tuesday, December 5, 2017.

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Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. Conyers, the whole number of the House is 433.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Enhancing Veteran Care Act: S. 1266, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with nonprofit organizations to investigate medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

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Condemning ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya and calling for an end to the attacks in and an immediate restoration of humanitarian access to the state of Rakhine in Burma: H. Con. Res. 90, amended, condemning ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya and calling for an end to the attacks in and an immediate restoration of humanitarian access to the state of Rakhine in Burma;

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Venezuela Humanitarian Assistance and Defense of Democratic Governance Act of 2017: H.R. 2658, amended, to provide humanitarian assistance for the Venezuelan people, to defend democratic governance and combat widespread public corruption in Venezuela; and

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Expressing concern and condemnation over the political, economic, social, and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela: H. Res. 259, amended, expressing concern and condemnation over the political, economic, social, and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9639–41. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY ACT OF 2017

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 38, the "Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017". The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a closed rule for H.R. 38. The rule provides

one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–45 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte, and Representatives Nadler, Jackson Lee, Schneider, and Titus.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of R. D. James, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold hearings to examine challenges facing Superfund and waste cleanup efforts following natural disasters, 2:30 p.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine beyond ISIS, focusing on countering terrorism, radicalization, and promoting stability in North Africa, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine adapting to defend the Homeland against the evolving international terrorist threat, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1870, to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 664, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo in Utah, to authorize construction of projects in connection therewith, and S. 1770, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Hualapai Tribe and certain allottees in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine firearm accessory regulation and enforcing Federal and

state reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), 10 a.m., SH–216.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine America's aging workforce, focusing on opportunities and challenges, 9:30 a.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Workplace Leave Policies: Opportunities and Challenges for Employers and Working Families”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, business meeting on subcommittee membership; and markup on H.R. 453, the “Relief from New Source Performance Standards Act of 2017”; H.R. 350, the “Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2017”; H.R. 1119, the “SENSE Act”; H.R. 1733, to direct the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the re-refining of used lubricating oil; H.R. 1917, the “Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns Act of 2017”; H.R. 2872, the “Promoting Hydropower Development at Existing Nonpowered Dams Act”; and H.R. 2880, the “Promoting Closed-Loop Pumped Storage Hydropower Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled “Sustainable Housing Finance: Private Sector Perspectives on Housing Finance Reform, Part IV”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “Advancing Human Rights to Combat Extremism”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “Brexit: A Negotiation Update”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Towards Tibet: Access, Religious Freedom, and Human Rights”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 4465, the “Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2017”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 477, the “Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2017”; H.R. 3971, the “Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2017”; and H.J. Res. 123, the “Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018”, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “From Lab to Market: A Review of NSF Innovation Corps”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled “NASA's Next Four Large Telescopes”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.